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1. I spoke with Mr. John Mitchell, Counsel to the Congressional Committee investigating the Katyn Massacre, and he informed me of the Committee's proposed itinerary in Europe where they are scheduling hearings. This information was then furnished to Mr. [ ] WE Division per his request. Mr. Mitchell also informed me that upon representation of the Department of the Army, which had also mentioned our interest in the matter, they had returned to G-2 a memorandum of December 1943 prepared by [ ] on the subject of military intelligence concerning Soviet Russia. Mr. Mitchell stated that the Committee still kept title to the document and might find it necessary to recall it, but that he understood our position and agreed that the document was not pertinent to the Committee investigation. Certain Congressmen, however, desired to make some capital out of it. The document was supplied to the Committee by [ ]

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2. Talked with Col. Schmelzer, Chief, Security and Military Information Branch, G-2, regarding the [ ] document, and he stated that it was in his safe. He was happy to know of General Smith's request for the document's non-release and is going to inform Gen. Bolling, G-2, of the situation.

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3. Mr. Berger, Mutual Security Agency, called to state that he was proposing a meeting of the interested parties to suggest language revising the Kersten amendment. I stated that it would be necessary to have the interested parties agree on what they desired before calling in the lawyers. He informed me that MSA did not propose to urge language regarding resettlement as this was not within their charter.